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SUBJECT: ITALO-SOVIET COMMERCIAL AIRLINE AGREEMENT

1. EMBASSY DAO RECENTLY PROVIDED COPY OF NOTES PREPARED BY
AIR ATTACHE COLONEL JOSEPH VALENTI FROM AN EARLY JULY
CONVERSATION WITH DR. HUMBERTO NORDIO, MANAGING DIRECTOR,
ALITALIA AIRLINES WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST.

2. NORDIO DESCRIBED AN AGREEMENT CONCLUDED WITH THE
SOVIET MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION WHEREIN ALITALIA WILL
OPERATE SCHEDULED FLIGHTS FROM ROME TO MOSCOW FOUR
TIMES A WEEK. AEROFLOT, IN TURN, WILL OPERATE CHARTER
FLIGHTS FROM LENINGRAD/MOSCOW TO ROME. THE AGREEMENT
ALSO ALLOWED FOR A REDUCTION OF \$2 MILLION DEBT OWED TO THE
SOVIET AIRLINE BY ALITALIA.

3. NORDIO REMARKED HE FELT THE SOVIETS CONCLUDED THE
AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FUTURE ITALIAN SUPPORT IN
THEIR QUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP IN IATA. HE PREDICTED
AN EXPANSION OF AEROFLOT'S INTERNATIONAL
COMMERCIAL OPERATION. THE ITALIANS, HE SAID, ARE
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MEANWHILE CONSIDERING UTILIZING THEIR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS
TO TRANSMIT THE USSR FOR FAR EAST DESTINATIONS.HOLMES

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